HOUSE RESOLUTION 150

By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Linda Jane Siler Gibson of Tazewell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Linda Jane Siler Gibson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years with the Claiborne County Board of Education until her retirement in June of 2006; as a Claiborne County High School classroom teacher, assistant principal, and principal, as well as a county educational supervisor, she had earned the respect of her peers and her students alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her dedication to quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibson was an active and devout member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Campbell County, Mrs. Gibson enjoyed shopping and cooking; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her father, James H. Siler; infant brother, James Siler III; infant grandson, James Tyler Beeler; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Will A. and Mary R. Fugate; and brother-in-law, Mike Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibson enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of over fortyone years, Chester Gibson, and was the proud mother of daughters, Kelli Gibson and Kristi Beeler, and her husband, Kelly; and WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her grandchildren, Emaleigh, Eryn, and Lauryn Beeler; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gibson is also survived by her mother, Lucille Siler; brothers, Chester Siler, and wife Mary, and Van Siler, and wife Neita; sister, Brenda Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jane Siler Gibson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, educator, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Linda Jane Siler Gibson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her singular contributions to the education of Tennessee's youth, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Gibson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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